



SF 229 – Health Information Network Transition (LSB1221SV)
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Description

Senate File 229 provides for the administration and governance of the **Iowa Health Information Network** (IHIN) by a nonprofit entity designated by the **Iowa Department of Public Health** (IDPH). The bill directs the IDPH to utilize a competitive process to select a designated entity to administer and govern the IHIN. On the successful transition of administration and governance of the IHIN, all unobligated funds in the Iowa Health Information Network Fund must be transferred to the designated nonprofit entity.

Background

The IHIN was established in 2012 Iowa Acts chapter 1080 (Iowa Health Information Network Act). Hospitals and other provider practices pay fees to access the IHIN. Iowa Code section **135.156A** requires the IHIN to be self-sustaining. The IHIN annual operating budget has ranged from \$5.5 million to \$8.2 million depending on the year and projects undertaken.

Assumptions

- The IDPH will select and successfully transfer the IHIN to a nonprofit entity.
- Staff support at IDPH will not be necessary once the transition is complete.
- The timing for successfully completing the transition is unknown at this time.

Fiscal Impact

All remaining unobligated funds in the Iowa Health Information Network Fund will be transferred to the designated nonprofit entity on the successful assumption of the administration and governance of the IHIN. The amount that will be available is unknown and will depend on timing.

Once the IDPH successfully transfers the IHIN there will be General Fund savings to the Community Capacity appropriation to IDPH. This savings will be approximately \$149,000, but the fiscal year impacted will depend on the timing of the transition.

Source

Iowa Department of Public Health

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to **Joint Rule 17** and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
